striction measures for reasons relating to labour standards in ILO; considering raising the issue formally and informally at W.T.O.; taking up the issue at diplomatic level with U.S. Government; interaction with leading U.S. importers of Indian carpets; sending of delegation to U.S. by Carpet Export Promotion Council; publicity campaign; adoption of voluntary code of conduct by the carpet trade and promotion of "Kaleen". label.

Drought Prone Area Programme in Maharasthra

*4. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing Drought Prone Area Programme in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) how many districts of the State are being covered under the programme with details thereof;

(d) whether Government have reviewed the programme to ensure its satisfactory implementation;

(e) if so, what are the findings thereof; and

(f) the steps Government propose to take to make the programme a success in the State?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Drought Prone Areas Programme is under implementation in 148 blocks of 22 districts. Details annexed as Statement *(See* below).

(d) and (e) The programme is being monitored and reviewed continuously on monthly and quarterly basis by the Ministry. The Government of Maharashtra have reported that the Programme is being reviewed by the State Watershed Progamme Implementation & Review Committee under the Chairmanship of Minister for Agriculture and Soil Conservation. In addition, the Programme is reviewed by the Divisional Committees.

Against a target of 873 Watershed projects, about 820 projects have been taken up so far. The impact of the projects will be known after they are completed.

(f) To make the Programme a success the State Government have informed that they are striving at Integrated Watershed Management approach in the State by using modern technology and ensuring people's participation through strengthening the village level bodies.

Statement

Name of districts and number of blocks included under Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) in Maharashtra

S.No.	Name of the District	No. of Blocks
1.	Ahmednagar	10
2.	Aurangabad	6
3.	Akola	13
4.	Amravati	9
5.	Buldana	10
6.	Beed	6
7.	Chandrapur	3
8.	Dhule	7
9.	Gadchiroli	3
10.	Jalgaon	7
11.	Jalna	2
12.	Latur	4
13.	Nagpur	1
14.	Nanded	4
15.	Nasik	13
16.	Osmanabad	3
17.	Pune	12
18.	Prabhani	4
19.	Sangli	6
20.	Satara	4
21.	Sholapur	10
22.	Yeotmal	12
	TOTAL	148